ADEMAE'S

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are require

REQUEST **FOR**

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to:

Commissioner for Patents

Box RCE

Washington, DC 20231

red to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number	
Application Number	09/974,026
Filing Date	October 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Tamburini, et al.
Art Unit	1653
Examiner Name	S. Liu
Attorney Docket Number	AERO1130-4

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 a.

Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ i. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ ii. Other Preliminary Amendment \boxtimes iii. b.

Enclosed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iii. 🗆 Amendment/Reply \boxtimes iv. 🗆 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ii. Miscellaneous 2. a.

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 3. Account No. 07-1896. 06/03/2005 MAHMED1 00000080 09974026 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) i. 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) ii. iii. 🗆 b. ⊠ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed (Check No. 577921) c. D Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED 38,347 Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Name (Print /Type) Lisa A. Haile, Ph.D. May 31, 2005 Signature CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Mail Stop RCE, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below: Name (Print/Type) Stephanie Sharrett May 31, 2005 Date Signature

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.